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SUBJECT: SOVIET HALT TO JAMMING

REF: STATE 180686 (NOT SENT HELSINKI)

1. THE FOLLOWING REPLIES RELATED TO THE REPORTED SOVIET

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HALT TO JAMMING WERE PREPARED FOR PRESS QUESTIONS ON AN

"IF ASKED" BASIS.

2. QUESTION: CAN YOU COMMENT ON REPORTS THAT THE SOVIET UNION HAS CEASED JAMMING OF THE VOICE OF AMERICA AND OTHER WESTERN SHORT WAVE STATIONS? ANSWER: WE HAVE RECEIVED SEVERAL REPORTS THAT SOVIET JAMMING OF THE VOICE OF AMERICA, THE BBC AND DEUTSCHE WELLE (VOICE OF GERMANY) HAS BEEN HALTED SINCE THE EVENING OF SEPTEMBER 10. THIS HAS AFFECTED NOT ONLY BROADCASTS IN RUSSIAN BUT IN OTHER LANGUAGES OF THE SOVIET UNION -- SUCH AS GEORGIAN, UZBEK AND ARMENIAN -- AS WELL. WE ARE MONITORING THIS DEVELOPMENT CAREFULLY TO SEE IF IT REPRESENTS A TOTAL CESSATION OF JAMMING. WE WOULD WELCOME SUCH A DEVELOPMENT AS AN IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO THE FREER FLOW OF INFORMATION AND IDEAS BETWEEN EAST AND WEST. FOR YOUR INFORMATION, THE SOVIETS LAST HALTED JAMMING OF VOA BROADCASTS FOR A SUBSTANTIAL PERIOD OF TIME IN JUNE, 1963, JUST PRIOR TO THE SIGNING OF THE NUCLEAR TEST BAN TREATY. THEY RESUMED JAMMING ON AUGUST 21, 1968, FOLLOWING THE INVASION OF

CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

3. QUESTION: HAVE THE SOVIETS CEASED JAMMING OF EITHER RADIO LIBERTY OR RADIO FREE EUROPE? ANSWER: WE HAVE NO REPORTS TO THIS EFFECT. RUSH

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